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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 41/59 N of 3 December 1986 and 42/38 C of 30 November 1987, a communication has been received from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, dated 26 October 1990, which is reproduced in the annex to the present note.

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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

[Original: Russian]

[26 October 1990]

1. On 24 October 1990, at 1800 hours Moscow time, a nuclear explosion with a yield of between 20 and 150 kilotons was conducted in the Soviet Union, at a test site in the Novaya Zemyla islands region, for the purpose of increasing the reliability and safety of nuclear weapons.

2. Radiation in the test area is normal.